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 * Every day is a fresh beginning,
 * Every morn is the world made new!
 * You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
 * Here is a beautiful hope for you:
 * All the past things are past and over,
 * The tasks are done and the tears are shed,
 * Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover,
 * Yesterday's wounds which smarted and bled
 * Are healed with the healing which night has shed.
 * —Selected.

THE PUBLICITY CLUB.

Publicity is one of the best cures known for corruption of any kind.

Few men or corporations can long bear the light of publicity on their wrong-doing. They begin to flinch and defend themselves at the first glare of the light, as the light is increased, they flee faster and seek hiding places more hurriedly.

The East Oregonian believes that it is possible for the press of the northwest to break up the lumber and building material trust if it would persistently publish the truth about this trust. Every city in the northwest is being held back by the extortions of this trust. Hundreds of homes would now be in process of construction in Oregon, Washington and Idaho were it not for the unreasonable prices of lumber.

Every newspaper is interested in the growth of its town. Whatever retards the growth of a community is a fit subject for editorial exhortation and investigation. Let the press of the northwest turn the light upon the lumber trust and soon the old-time building activity will return with renewed energy.

The timber land of the northwest is practically controlled by about three or four syndicates. These syndicates are directly responsible for the increase in lumber prices. Within the past three years the retail price of lumber has been forced up 35 per cent, resulting in the suspension of nearly all kinds of building.

This is hurting the country. There is no reason for it, except the insatiable greed of the trust. Labor is not paid any better in sawmills and logging camps than it was 10 years ago and lumber is 50 per cent higher than 10 years ago.

Most of the advance in prices is a plain steal by the trust.

TAX THE IDLE PROPERTY.

Every year the evil of past systems of assessment is brought more forcibly to view. Valuable unimproved property lying in the heart of cities and towns of Oregon has been assessed low, while the man who improved adjoining property has been taxed

heavily to bear the burden of government.

The idle property has been enhanced in value through the thrift of neighbors. The owner of the idle property has escaped taxation while he has enjoyed a handsome increase in the value of his holdings.

Thrift is taxed and slothfulness is at a premium. The man who refused to build up the town, pave streets, lay sidewalks, erect modern buildings or in any way advance the interests of the community has been made rich by the industry of those patriotic and energetic citizens who have given their time, money and energy to the upbuilding of the town.

Let us tax the idle property into usefulness. Let us make the tax so high on it that it will be cheaper to improve it than to have it idle.

THE RESTLESS AMERICAN.

A. C. Ruby, the well known horse importer, tells a story which illustrates the English view of the restless American.

On his last trip to England to buy horses, Mr. Ruby went to the fine stock farms of a large grower of Shire stallions and after a long delay succeeded in getting the old man started out to the stables three miles distant from the residence, to look over the horses.

Mr. Ruby had but a limited time in which to visit the stables and began urging the English farmer to greater speed. "They were riding in a single buggy pulled by a horse which barely moved along the lanes.

Mr. Ruby told of his limited time, of the train which would surely leave London at noon, of the long distance ahead of them, but it was of no avail. The old horse crept along, nipping the tips of the willow limbs which hung over the road.

"Hurry, hurry," urged Mr. Ruby. "Oh, take it easy, man; you Americans rush through the world as though this were the last day. Take it easy, man; take it easy; the same train will leave London tomorrow precisely at noon, and the next day, and the next. Let us take it easy and enjoy the sight of my growing crops," replied the complacent farmer.

Finally despairing of getting any more speed out of the old horse, Mr. Ruby leaped out of the buggy and started on foot through the fields toward London, which he reached just before his train left.

When he last saw the old Englishman he was creeping down the lane directing the women who were pulling weeds from his onion beds, as leisurely and unconcerned as though he had not lost a sale of \$10,000 worth of young stallions.

THE NEW CHARTER IS SAFE.

The personnel of the charter committee appointed by Mayor Fee last night is assurance that every interest of the city will be guarded in the proposed changes in the charter.

The citizens appointed represent every class of property holder in the city—small, large and moderate—and no class can complain that it is not represented.

The East Oregonian is extremely democratic in its views upon such subjects, and while it believes that large property interests should be given every consideration, yet it also believes that every humble citizen who owns a home in the outskirts of the city, is entitled to a voice in charter making.

The large owner pays more taxes, it is true, but he enjoys privileges commensurate with his taxes. And after all, property is not a measure of citizenship. The small owner has interests as vital to him as the large owner and it is the object of all government to equalize the privileges and bene-

One of the Important Duties of Physicians and the Well-Informed of the World

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TRUTH AND QUALITY

appeal to the Well-Informed in every walk of life and are essential to permanent success and creditable standing, therefore we wish to call the attention of all who would enjoy good health, with its blessings, to the fact that it involves the question of right living with all the term implies. With proper knowledge of what is best each hour of recreation, of enjoyment, of contemplation and of effort may be made to contribute to that end and the use of medicines dispensed with generally to great advantage, but as in many instances a simple, wholesome remedy may be invaluable if taken at the proper time, the California Fig Syrup Co. feels that it is alike important to present truthfully the subject and to supply the one perfect laxative remedy which has won the approval of physicians and the world-wide acceptance of the Well-Informed because of the excellence of the combination, known to all, and the original method of manufacture, which is known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

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MORE O. R. & N. TRAINS.

The O. R. & N. has always been ready to respond to the needs of eastern Oregon people in the way of increased facilities and the East Oregonian believes that the train recommended by the state railroad commission, between Biggs and Pendleton, will be installed soon.

In Umatilla county the O. R. & N. has given increased facilities in the busy season and during the past winter has run a Sunday train between this city and Walla Walla, while patronage of the train did not actually justify the extra expense.

Recently the O. R. & N. has installed an extra freight train between Walla Walla and Umatilla in order to give quick transportation to the growing early garden traffic of Walla Walla. This shows a most commendable spirit on part of the road and it is believed that the passenger train between this city and Walla Walla will soon be put in service again.

THE HOROSCOPE.

O radiant angel of my ruling star!
 Lead me the story of the horoscope.
 That sent Love to me, for I darkly grope
 Before the secret of the calendar
 That ushers in tomorrow. It is far—
 The day that wears my diadem of hope,
 When I shall know Love's plenitude and scope.
 And all its hidden wonders as they are?

How blinded are the portals of my birth!
 As impotent in rapture as in sorrow
 The capital of Destiny to borrow.
 Whatever wealth our fortune may be worth,
 And though I gave the glory of the earth,
 I could not buy one whisper of tomorrow!

—Elsa Baker.

DELMAS 63 YEARS OLD.

Delphin Michael Delmas, the famous California lawyer who is the leading attorney for the defense in the Harry Thaw case, was born in France, April 14, 1844. He removed to California in his boyhood, and was graduated from the Santa Clara college in 1862. Three years later he graduated from the Yale Law school. After his admission to the California bar in 1866 he practiced law in San Jose until 1882, and since then in San Francisco. He was chosen regent of the University of California in 1885 and delegate-at-large to the democratic national convention in St. Louis in 1904.

Mr. Delmas resides at Casa Delmas Santa Clara county, and has his office in San Francisco. During his years of practice at the California bar he has won many famous cases. It is said, in fact, that no client he has defended, has ever been found guilty.

In 1840 Austrian noblemen could legally claim two days a week of unpaid labor from all their tenants, who were at that date practically serfs.

CUBA'S DENSE FORESTS.

The trains on the Cuban railroad, which is owned by Sir William Van Horne, Grenville M. Lodge and other enterprising Americans, who have done so much to develop the interior provinces of Cuba, plunge into a primeval forest shortly after leaving the city of Santa Clara.

The trees are covered with orchids, hanging moss and are draped with vines like those in the cypress swamps of Florida and southern Mississippi. The growth is so dense that the forests are impassable, except where paths have been cut, and these paths are like labyrinths, leading to nowhere.

During the revolution for independence the forests were the refuge of

the insurgents. Whenever they were closely pressed by the Spanish troops they plunged into the green gulfs and scattered beyond the knowledge, as well as the reach, of their pursuers. Maximo Gomez had several camping places in the timber, so well concealed that nobody but well trained timber wolves could find him, and in one of these retreats a hospital was maintained for more than two years by an ebony Amazon called La Bayamesia. Her real name is Rosa Castellanos, and she was one of the genuine heroes of the war for liberation. She is now living at Camaguey practicing the profession of nurse and midwife, honored and respected by all true Cubans.—William E. Curtis.

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